## **Arkansas**

## **Farm Report**

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This report contains the results from the *October Ag Yield*, which was conducted to obtain acreage, yield and production estimates for corn, cotton, hay, rice, sorghum and soybeans. The data are also posted on our web site at the Internet address above, and in more detailed U.S. report at *www.usda.gov/nass/*. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires or interviews for this survey.

## **Cotton Production Up 18 Percent**

**Corn**: Corn for grain production for the state is forecast at 24.3 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2005. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 135 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 180,000 acres of corn for grain, down 22 percent from 2005.

<u>Cotton</u>: Arkansas all cotton production is forecast at 2.6 million bales, up 18 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 1,076 pounds per harvested acre, up 60 pounds from a year ago. Producers expect to harvest 1.16 million acres of cotton, up 12 percent from 2005.

**Rice**: The 2006 total rice production for the state is forecast at 94.6 million hundredweight (cwt), down 13 percent from last year's production of 108.8 million cwt. Based on conditions as of October 1, the all rice yield for 2006 is forecast at 6,760 pounds per acre, up 110 pounds from last year's yield. Arkansas producers expect to harvest 1.40 million acres of rice, down 14 percent from 2005.

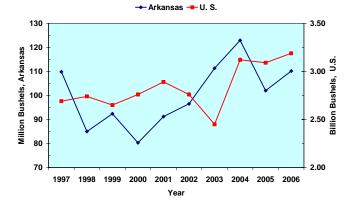
<u>Soybeans</u>: Soybean production in 2006 for Arkansas is forecast at 110 million bushels, up 8 percent from a year ago. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 36 bushels per acre, 2 bushels more per acre than last year. Area for harvest, at 3.06 million acres, is up 12 percent from 2005.

Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2005 and 2006, October 1 Forecast

		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Crop	Unit	1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	230	180	131.0	135.0	30,130	24,300
Cotton, All	1	1,040.0	1,160.0	1,016	1,076	2,202.0	2,600.0
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	1,290	1,400	1.70	1.90	2,193	2,660
Rice, All	2	1,635	1,400	6,650	6,760	108,792	94,640
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	62	59	80.0	84.0	4,960	4,956
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,000	3,060	34.0	36.0	102,000	110,160
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	75,107	71,047	147.9	153.5	11,112,072	10,905,194
Cotton, All	1	13,802.0	12,816.0	831	774	23,890.2	20,659.0
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	39,260	40,290	1.91	1.80	74,819	72,511
Rice, All	2	3,364	2,823	6,636	6,811	223,235	192,263
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	5,736	5,319	68.7	56.6	393,893	301,217
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	71,251	74,505	43.0	42.8	3,063,237	3,188,576

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rice yield in pounds, production in hundredweight (cwt).



Upland Cotton Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1997-2006

